## NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

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## Susan Bazis to Serve as Douglas County Court Presiding Judge in 2010

Judge Susan Bazis has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Douglas County) beginning January 1, 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Bazis, whose name was submitted by her fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Bazis has served on the county court bench in Douglas County since taking the bench in April 2007. Prior to her appointment, she worked in private practice in Omaha and served for two years as an assistant public defender in the Douglas County Public Defender's office. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Nebraska County Judges' Association and was recently appointed to the newly created Case Management Committee for the County Courts.

As presiding judge, Bazis has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within Douglas County. Judge Bazis will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.